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Focus	The Lebanese Armed Revolutionary Faction Unmasked	25X
	posed a serious threat to US and Israeli diplomatic personnel in France from 1981 until 1984—is now on the defensive as a result of effective counterterrorist operations by the Governments of France and Italy. The group carried out six attacks on US and Israeli diplomats in France, killing four persons and wounding four. The group also was implicated in the February 1984 assassination in Rome of Leamon Hunt, an American serving as Director-General of the Multinational Force and Observers for the Camp David Sinai accords. Italian and French police arrested three key members of the LARF—including its leader—in late 1984 and probably disrupted its European infrastructure. The remaining members of the group returned to their homes in Lebanon, where they reportedly are planning attacks against France and Italy in an effort to free their imprisoned comrades.  Lessons Learned The LARF was one of the most mysterious terrorist groups operating in Europe until the investigations that followed the arrests of its members revealed a great deal about its origins, ideology, composition, and methods of operation.	25X 25X
	• The LARF—a small but dedicated band of radicals—was able to carry out lethal attacks against vulnerable diplomats by establishing an infrastructure in which its operatives were able to blend. They carefully planned and prepared for every phase of their operations—from selection of the target to the escape route. The effectiveness of their attacks has demonstrated the need for enhanced security for diplomats—both midlevel and senior—operating in seemingly friendly environments.	25X
	• The LARF is a Marxist-Leninist movement that was born in the Lebanese Christian community. Its growth and development indicate that at least some Lebanese Christians—like Palestinian Christians and Lebanese and Palestinian Muslims—hold the United States responsible for Israeli policies in Lebanon and are willing to resort to terrorism to demonstrate their vehement opposition to such policies.	25X
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The Italian and French counterterrorist successes against the LARF have also demonstrated that:	
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<ul> <li>Law enforcement investigations of all aspects of cases involving suspected terrorists can lead to conviction and imprisonment of those terrorists, as well as produce openings into seemingly impenetrable groups.</li> <li>International cooperation in the forms of information exchange and investigatory support is one of the most productive means of combating international terrorism.</li> </ul>	<b>25X</b> 1
Diminished Threat  The Italian and French counterterrorist successes probably have reduced the LARF's threat potential for the present. Its founder and leader is imprisoned in France, and we believe this has caused a leadership vacuum in the group. Its remaining members do not seem to possess his revolutionary fervor and ability to motivate the group to action	051/4
motivate the group to action.	25 <b>X</b> 1
The LARF currently appears to be limiting its activities to northern Lebanon. The group's only operation in 1985 was the kidnaping in Tripoli of a French diplomat, whom it intended to exchange for its comrade imprisoned in France. The French negotiated the release of their diplomat, but reneged on freeing the LARF leader. The LARF's failure in this operation probably further reduced its morale, which in turn has contributed to its operational paralysis.	25 <b>X</b> 1
Syria's control of northern Lebanon and its efforts to establish order throughout the country probably are causing it to place additional restraints on the LARF. Damascus will ensure that its own interests are not threatened by the group, probably putting a damper on any prospective LARF operations in Lebanon directed against French or Italian diplomats. This may extend to US and Israeli interests as well.	25X1
Down But Not Out  The LARF probably is now in a transitional phase. The group may seek to regain its operational capabilities by allying with one of the Marxist-Leninist Palestinian groups; the most likely candidates are the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) or the PFLP-Special Command (PFLP-SC). We believe the LARF grew out of the PFLP and has a number of important contacts within the PFLP-SC. A marriage of convenience with the PFLP-SC would give the LARF access to Palestinian networks in Europe and perhaps enable the group to renew its operations there.	25 <b>X</b> 1
A number of the LARF's hardcore activists remain at large. Should the group succeed in reorganizing and rebuilding, it could reappear as a serious threat, attacking not only US and Israeli targets, but also those associated with Italy and	
France. The group could elect not to return to France but to operate in other European nations or countries along the Mediterranean littoral.	25 <b>X</b> 1
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	Highlights	25X1
	Key Indicators	
Spain	GRAPO Weighs Anti-NATO Campaign A leading Spanish newsweekly reports that the small leftist terrorist organization GRAPO (the First of October Antifascist Resistance Group) is weighing anti-NATO actions. The group apparently is reassessing its tactics following police roundups of many of its operatives in January last year. Spanish police officials note that GRAPO's leaders have been operating out of Paris and that a key element in the organization's rebuilding has been support from the French terrorist group Direct Action.	25 <b>X</b> 1
	Spanish officials reportedly fear that GRAPO will become a branch of "Euroterrorism" and attack "Alliance interests" in Spain. Since there are no Alliance facilities as such in Spain, we believe US personnel and bases used by US forces would be GRAPO's most likely targets. Indeed, some Spanish security officials believe that GRAPO may have played a role in the bomb attack last April at the "El Descanso" Restaurant.	25X1
	In spite of the possibility of isolated terrorist actions, we believe GRAPO's ability—and even its intention—to mount a major effort against Western interests in Spain remains in doubt for at least the near term. GRAPO lacked the numbers and sophistication of the major European terrorist groups even before the arrests last year decimated its ranks, and the terrorists themselves, moreover, are divided over tactics.  a key GRAPO leader, Manuel Perez Martinez, is trying to lead the terrorists away from direct action and into electoral politics through participation in the Reconstituted Communist Party of Spain (PCE-R)—GRAPO's political arm.	25X1 25X1
French Guiana, Libya	Tripoli Provides Terrorist and Paramilitary Training to French Guianese Students The students—who number about 10—are members of the French Guianese separatist movement. They allegedly received one month's training in small arms, explosives, sabotage, and kidnaping.  They reportedly returned to French Guiana in November 1985 and may initiate "anti-imperialist" actions in early 1986.	25X1 25X1
	French Guianese separatists have not engaged in terrorist activities since 1983. Should they begin again, we expect their prime targets to be French Government offices and institutions and not US interests. Terrorist attacks by separatists in other French Caribbean locations—except in one instance—have been limited to French political and economic targets.	25X1

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El Salvador	Urban Terrorist Plans	
	Over the past few months, guerrillas have photographed or surveilled several US	
	officials, including the chief of the US military group,	25X1
	One of the rebel groups reportedly has about 500 youths in the metropolitan area prepared to escalate urban violence. The guerrillas apparently want to initiate the attacks in the capital because of the pressure from the Salvadoran armed forces on rebel bases outside	25X1 25X1
	the city.	25 <b>X</b> 1
	During the same period, rightwing death squads also have increased activities and are presumed responsible for the murders of seven Salvadorans during the first week of February. The rightist violence is possibly in response to peasant and labor unrest over a series of unpopular economic measures President Duarte imposed last month and may continue to escalate.	25X1
	Significant Developments	
Canada	Attempted Bombing of Moderate Sikh Newspaper Canadian authorities defused a bomb outside the pro-Khalistani Indo-Canadian Times in Vancouver on 26 January. The newspaper's editor, Tara Singh Hayer, strongly supports the Khalistani separatist movement, but was threatened last year when he urged Canadian Sikhs to pursue legal means for an independent Khalistan. Police questioned two leaders of the International Sikh Youth Federation (ISYF) in Canada in connection with the attempted bombing. Moderate Sikh leaders have been the targets of three attacks in the United Kingdom and numerous attacks in India since November 1985. The ISYF has been implicated in several of these attacks.	25 <b>X</b> 1
France	Corsican Separatists Resume Bombings  The National Front for the Liberation of Corsica (FLNC) apparently has decided to renew its terrorist activities. It bombed a courthouse in Marseilles and police headquarters in Aix-en-Provence on 1 February, and a tax office in Ajaccio, Corsica's largest city, on 6 February. The blasts caused substantial property damage but no casualties. The FLNC probably will continue to attack its traditional targets—government offices, police stations, and private businesses.	25 <b>X</b> 1
	Government Sweep Against Muslim Radicals On 12 February, the Directorate of Territorial Security (DST)—the internal security service—detained and questioned 64 Middle Easterners suspected of involvement in terropist activities. France expelled 12 of them as "public	
	involvement in terrorist activities. France expelled 13 of them as "public troublemakers" and released the rest.	25X1

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Italy	Palestinian Sentenced in Verona on Weapons Possession  On 11 December, Italian authorities in Verona sentenced Umar Sadat Salim Abd al Fatah, a Palestinian, to a 14-year jail term for illegal possession of arms and explosives. Abd al Fatah testified that the weapons in his possession were to be used in an attack against the Syrian Embassy in the Netherlands. An Italian, arrested and sentenced with Abd al Fatah for collaboration in illegal possession of arms, claimed there were other targets as well, including US interests in Rome and The Hague.  Abd al Fatah claims to be a captain in the PLO,  Trial witnesses claim he contacted PLF leader Abu Abbas in Yugoslavia—implying that the explosives may have been destined for use in an attempt to free the four Achille Lauro hijackers jailed in Italy. Al Fatah's initial claim that the targets were Syrian, however, tracks with a series of operations in Western Europe against Syrian targets last year apparently conducted by Fatah	25X1 25X1 25X1
	The Return of the Red Brigades Members of the Communist Combatant Cells—believed to be in the Red Brigades terrorist organization—shot and wounded presidential economics adviser, Antonio da Empoli, in Rome on 21 February. Da Empoli's bodyguard killed one of the four terrorists, and Italian police reportedly arrested two others. Earlier in the month, the Brigades claimed responsibility for the murder of the former mayor of Florence, Lando Conti, in Florence.	25X <sup>2</sup>
	The two attacks represent the dramatic reemergence of the Brigades following 11 months of inactivity. The organization had been hurt by Italian counterterrorist successes in recent years and has been unable to sustain a terrorist campaign similar to those it conducted in the 1970s. The amateurish nature of the most recent assassination attempt—the terrorists apparently did not know da Empoli had a bodyguard—also suggests that the organization still lacks the expertise it once exhibited. The Brigades apparently are concentrating on unprotected domestic targets, although propaganda released by the organization continues to be strongly anti-American.	25X′
Cyprus	Threat Against US Interests in Cyprus  Four Palestinians, said to be affiliated with the Abu Nidal Group, reportedly traveled to Cyprus in late January with plans to attack US and Israeli targets in Nicosia and Larnaca.  An Abu Nidal operation in Cyprus directed against the United States would be a change in targeting for the group. The Abu Nidal organization has aimed virtually all of its past attacks against Middle Easterners.	25X1 25X1 25X1

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Lebanon, Israel, Syria	Israeli Airstrike Damages Palestinian Targets Israeli aircraft on 29 January heavily damaged three buildings south of Sidon used by Palestinians. An IDF spokesman claimed the buildings belonged to Abu Musa's Fatah dissidents, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command and the Abu Abbas faction of the Palestine Liberation Front. The Israelis stated the strikes were in retaliation for recent attacks and for what they described as a Palestinian buildup in southern Lebanon. The bombings were the	
	first since the installation of Syrian SAMs in Lebanon last November.	25 <b>X</b> ′
Tunisia	Deported Palestinians Arrive Under PLO Sponsorship Four Palestinians, deported from Greece to Tunisia in December, may have ties to Fatah's Force 17. At the time of their arrest, the four were believed to be members of the Abu Nidal Group planning to attack US and Israeli interests in Latin America.	25X1 25X1
Peru	Sendero Luminoso Answers Garcia  Terrorist bombings on 21 February were the first since newly elected President Garcia imposed a state of emergency in Lima on 7 February. The coordinated attacks on the US Embassy—which escaped damage—and at least three other embassies, as well as several offices of the ruling American Popular Revolutionary Alliance (APRA), occurred on the eve of the APRA party founder's birthday,  Terrorists also hit several other Lima targets and dynamited power pylons elsewhere.  The latest terrorist acts, in our view, are Sendero Luminoso's answers to Garcia's recent emergency measures. Evidently timed to coincide with an important ruling party observance, the bombings were designed to embarrass Garcia and gain maximum international attention while underscoring the government's inability to maintain law and order. Garcia almost certainly will act to regain the initiative he	25X1 25X1
	briefly held. In so doing, however, he risks playing into the insurgents' hands by giving wider authority to the security forces, which he has criticized for alleged human rights abuses and has promised to control.	25 <b>X</b> 1

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South Africa	Increase in Insurgent Incidents	
	the African National Congress's	25X1
	increased training of recruits inside South Africa is in large part responsible for	
	the marked upsurge in terrorism in recent months,	25 <b>X</b> 1
	Total ANC incidents in 1985 were over double the previous year,	25X1
	according to the South African Institute of Strategic Studies.	25X1
	Pretoria's efforts to stem ANC infiltration from neighboring countries and the	
	ANC's desire to exploit the continuing unrest probably will lead to more attacks	
	on soft targets by inexperienced recruits inside South Africa who can easily be	
	trained to use mines and grenades. South Africa most likely will respond to	
	increased insurgent activity—which contrasts with the recently reduced intensity	
	of township unrest—by striking at ANC targets across its borders.	25 <b>X</b> 1
Japan	Chukaku-ha Sethacks	
- upan	Recent statements by several Chukaku-ha members arrested last November for	
	their involvement in disrupting Japanese National Railway operations appear to	
	indicate that the group has insufficient personnel either to stage another JNR-type	
	operation or to launch other attacks this spring. Chukaku-ha probably also suffers	
	from financial problems resulting from both last summer's expensive but	
	unsuccessful election campaign and legal expenses stemming from the defense of	
	48 members arrested in November. Moreover, adverse public reaction and tough	
	government action after the JNR operation cost Chukaku-ha cooperation of the	
	engineers' union and several other groups. The confessions may also have deepened	
	the schism between overt and clandestine branches—  members arrested	25 <b>X</b> 1
	were overt.	25X1

Table 1
Dawa (Islamic Call) Organizations in the Persian Gulf

Area	Background/Activities	Size	Leaders	Use of Terrorism
Bahrain	Founded in the late 1970s. Used Islamic Enlightenment Society as a cover until its closure in February 1984. Engages primarily in propaganda efforts. Group's newsletter reported to be one of the most inflammatory publications directed at Bahrain.	Several hundred	Ahmad Qasim	No terrorist acts to date.
Iraq	Began in 1959 primarily as a religious party, but has become largely political. Armed struggle began in 1980. Despite use of terrorism, moderate wing advocates political organizing as principal means to gain power.	Claims 8,000 members in Iran, 3,000 in Iraq— probably exaggerated.	Shaykh Muhammad Mahdi al-Asifi	Several bombings in Iraq and assassinations of minor officials. At- tempted assassination of Saddam several times.
Kuwait	Members found in business community, military, parliament, and the Shia cultural society. Little known about activities or organization.	Several hundred	Unknown	Radical wing of Iraqi Dawa and Hizballah re- sponsible for major ter- rorist acts.

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Dawa Parties in the Persian Gulf:

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#### A Growing Danger 25X1 The governments of several Persian Gulf states are Hizballah Links to the Dawa facing a growing threat from fundamentalist Shias, many of whom receive Iranian support. Foremost among the challengers is the Dawa (Islamic Call) Hizballah (Party of God)—a Shia fundamentalist movement in Lebanon—has close links to some Dawa Party, which has autonomous factions in virtually every country in the region. Dawa members have factions. Many Hizballah leaders were once Dawa staged some of the more spectacular terrorist attacks Party members, and some Hizballah members joined in the Persian Gulf, and there appears to be little Dawa members in conducting the 1983 bombings in doubt that they will continue their activities in 1986. Kuwait. The release of the prisoners in Kuwait is an 25X1 immediate Hizballah goal because three are Lebanese, one with close family ties to a Hizballah What is Dawa? leader. We believe this Hizballah official also is The first Dawa Party was founded as a religious primarily responsible for the kidnaping and continued organization in Iraq in the late 1950s. The party detention of US citizens in Lebanon and has tied their subsequently sent missionaries to all the main Shia fate to the prisoners in Kuwait. 25X1 communities in the Islamic world, and there are autonomous Dawa factions in most of the Gulf states. Dawa organizations are known to exist in Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, and Bahrain. 25X1 The success of the Islamic Revolution in 1979 encouraged more politically activist policies among Dawa members. this Dawa faction may have conducted the 1983 25X1 25X1 bombings in Kuwait, as well as several other bombings and assassinations inside Iraq since 1980. Dawa parties are 25X1 banned in most Gulf states and operate clandestinely. 25X1 Their strategy, as exemplified by the Iraqi Dawa, is to The Dawa Threat build a clandestine cell structure; engage in open The Iraqi Dawa Party has been especially active in propaganda activities; and to overthrow the existing Kuwait in recent years: government, by force, if necessary, 25X1 25X1 • In December 1983, members of a faction of the Iraqi Dawa Party and Lebanese Hizballah bombed Not all Dawa factions use terrorism. The Bahraini the US and French Embassies in Kuwait, several Kuwaiti Government facilities, and the compound Dawa has yet to commit a terrorist attack and of a US defense contractor. engages primarily in propaganda activities, 25X1 The mainline Iraqi 25**X**1 Dawa also prefers propaganda and covert political • In December 1984, Dawa supporters hijacked a activity to terrorism, Kuwaiti airliner to Iran. 25X1 On the other hand, 25X1 a radical faction of the Iraqi Dawa advocates 25X1 terrorism as a primary tool of policy and has strong links to Iran's Revolutionary Guard. We believe that



• In May 1985, a suicide car bomber attempted to assassinate the Amir of Kuwait.	25 <b>X</b> 1
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Dawa Party members continue to plan terrorist attacks:	25 <b>X</b> 1
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US Embassy in Kuwait after the December 1983 bombing (top); Kuwaiti airliner hijacked to Iran in December 1984 (middle); and burned automobile that was accompanying the motorcade of the Amir of Kuwait at the time of a suicide car bomb attack in May 1985 (bottom).

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Virtually all of these terrorist attacks were staged to free the 17 men imprisoned for the 1983 bombings. For example, the hijacking of the Kuwaiti airliner in December 1984 and the assassination attempt on the Amir in May 1985 both involved demands concerning the release of the Dawa supporters imprisoned in Kuwait.

## Iranian Support

Iran provides Dawa groups with extensive support.
The groups are based in Iran, and some financial collections are passed through the Bahraini branch of Bank Melli Iran,

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Tehran is also directly financing training of Dawa members in several camps in Iran.

claim to have identified more than 300 Bahraini Shia who have undergone military training and indoctrination in Iran, Syria, or Lebanon. Moreover, the Iranian Embassy in Bahrain has also passed propaganda materials to Dawa members,

Bahraini authorities

Tehran exerts influence over Dawa groups through key clerics sympathetic to Iran and Iranian-controlled organizations. In 1982, the Iranians created the

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Table 2
Major Terrorist Incidents Associated
With Dawa Organizations, 1982-85

	Location	Event		Location	Event	
1982	-1.11.100		1984			
2 January	Iraq	General headquarters of the Popular Army Command in	May	Cyprus	Bomb explodes at Iraqi airline office.	
		Baghdad destroyed by car bomb.	6 July	Iraq	Truck bomb explodes outside Army recruitment center; sev-	
April	Iraq	Al-Dawrah refinery near Bagh-			eral dozen dead and wounded.	
8 July	Iraq	dad bombed.  President Saddam Husayn's	3 December	Greece	Four Iraqi Embassy cars discovered to contain bombs.	
		motorcade ambushed by gun- men in assassination attempt.	4 December	UAE, Iran	Kuwaiti Airlines flight hijacked from Dubayy to Tehran. Hiz-	
1 August	Iraq	Car bomb destroys Iraqi Ministry of Planning building.			ballah involved. Release of pris- oners in Kuwait charged with	
15 December	Iraq	Car bomb explodes at Iraqi news agency, Baghdad.			1983 bombings demanded. Tw US officials killed.	
1983			1985			
5 March	Iraq	Bomb explodes at Air France office in Baghdad, killing the office manager. Similar device defused at nearby Kuwaiti Air-	27 March	Iraq	Two car bombs explode in President Husayn's hometown of Tikrit. At least 36 people killed and several more wounded.	
		lines office.	25 May	Kuwait	Attempted car bomb assassina-	
21 April	Iraq	Iraqi radio and television sta- tion and Air Force Intelligence headquarters bombed.			tion of Kuwaiti Amir. Attack in response to Kuwait's failure to release Dawa prisoners.	
12 December	Kuwait	Car bombs explode at US and French Embassies and Kuwaiti	27 May	Kuwait	Firebombing of electrical power station.	
		Government facilities. Hizbal- lah involved. Seventeen persons convicted and imprisoned, with three sentenced to death.	13 October	Iraq	Dawa Party members engage in firefights with Iraqi security forces in two communities near Baghdad.	

Tehran-based Supreme Assembly of the Islamic Revolution in Iraq (SAIRI) to serve as an umbrella organization to coordinate the activities of Iraqi Shia dissidents and enhance Iranian influence over them. Disagreements over strategy and allegiance to Khomeini and Iran among SAIRI's groups, however, have divided and weakened the organization.

### Outlook

We believe Dawa Party members will continue to pose a serious terrorist threat to the Persian Gulf states, especially Kuwait, and to US citizens and facilities in the region. In the longer term, rising Dawa political networks may threaten the stability of the regimes in Bahrain and Kuwait, and, hence, the US presence in these countries. The Bahraini Dawa is led by a group of resident clerics whose legitimate functions give them enormous scope for inflaming the Shia community.

Based on the development of the Dawa organization in Bahrain and Iraq, the Kuwaiti Dawa also may be engaged primarily in covert political activity through its clandestine cell structure to prepare for a future revolution.

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# Key Personalities Presently or Formerly Involved in Dawa Activities

# Shaykh Muhammad Mahdi al-Asifi Leader moderate Iran-based faction

Leader, moderate Iran-based faction of the Dawa Party

Muhammad al-Asifi is a highly skilled political organizer who is almost single-mindedly dedicated to replacing Iraq's				
current Ba'th regime with an Islamic government				
controlled by the Dawa Party. Despite his clear				
commitment, Asifi apparently has limits on the				
methods and means he is willing to employ.				
Although he resides in Qom, Iran, and				
is a member of the pro-Iranian Supreme Assembly of				
the Islamic Revolution in Iraq (SAIRI), Asifi does not				
support the religiopolitical doctrines of Ayatollah				
Ruhollah Khomeini,				
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we believe his nominal affiliation				
with SAIRI is a tactic to ensure his continued stay in				
Iran and to secure financial support from that				
country. Press interviews with Asifi indicate that he				
holds strong anti-French, and, to a lesser extent, anti-				
US views. We believe his opinions about this country				
stem largely from his personal perception that the				
United States somehow helps Iraq's Ba'th regime				
remain in power. We have no indication how he views				
the USSR.				
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Shaykh Ali Kurani				
Member, Supreme Assembly of the Islamic				
Revolution in Iraq (SAIRI), since at least 1982				
Ali Kurani is an ethnic Lebanese and a fanatic Shia,				
who currently resides in Tehran. Like the majority of				
his SAIRI colleagues, he professes strong loyalty to				
Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini and Iran,				
he has long viewed terrorism as a				
legitimate instrument for furthering his political				
goals. Kurani also led a radical faction of the Dawa				
Party that was active in Kuwait, where he was a				

clergyman from the 1960s until his expulsion by Kuwaiti security authorities in the late 1970s. He remained the titular head of that faction until mid-1985 when he broke with the Dawa Party. He probably did so because of disagreements over the use of terrorism and rivalry with Asifi for leadership.

### 25X1 25X1 Isa Ahmad Qasim Isa Ahmad Qasim is the most competent Shia leader in Bahrain, 25X1 headed the Islamic Enlightenment Society (IES) since its inception in 1974. In 1979, Dawa Party founder Muhammad Baqr Sadr appointed him leader of the 25X1 Bahraini branch of the party, which serves as the 25X1 covert wing of the IES. Qasim is a political survivor 25X1 who follows a path dedicated to personal expediency rather than ideology. 25X1 25X1 25X1 Qasim has a 25X1 degree in Shari'a law and Arabic, and is a "teacher" 25X1 by profession. During 1973-74 he served as a member 25X1 of the Bahraini Constituent Assembly (parliament). Qasim is about 45. 25X1 25X1

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SSNP: New Role in		
Lebanese Affairs		25 <b>X</b> ′
The Syrian Social Nationalist Party (SSNP), a small party with close ties to Syria, propelled itself into the Lebanese political limelight last spring, when it launched a series of suicide bomb attacks in south	implicated in a coup plot in 1961, many of its principal activists were jailed and it was forced underground.	25X′
Lebanon against Israeli and Army of South Lebanon (ASL) targets. Syria has found the SSNP to be an effective and versatile surrogate willing to help Damascus in confronting Israeli occupation forces and punishing those Lebanese factions opposed to	During the next decade, the political tenets of the SSNP were almost completely reversed. The notion of a Greater Syria was abandoned in favor of the Pan-Arab ideology then popular throughout the Arab world. The party sympathized with the Palestinians in	257
The party currently receives the vast majority of its support from Syria, with a smaller portion from anti-	the aftermath of the 1967 Arab-Israeli war and formed a close association with the PLO. The SSNP was again legalized in Lebanon in 1970 and began to organize in the Greek Orthodox enclaves in Al	25 <b>X</b> ′
Arafat Palestinians. The SSNP has demonstrated its willingness to accept Syrian direction and would	Khoura and the upper Matn.	25 <b>X</b> ′
probably mount attacks against US targets in Lebanon if Assad directed such operations. The SSNP probably hopes its willingness to act on behalf of Syria will promote the party's own political fortunes. The notoriety it acquired as a result of the suicide bombings, for example, helped attract new members from a variety of sects throughout Lebanon. Although the SSNP remains a minor party in terms of its geographic and political base, it stands to enhance its influence significantly by maintaining its close attachment to Syrian policy objectives in	The SSNP leadership viewed the outbreak of the Lebanese civil war as an opportunity to further its political ambitions by fighting for the abolition of the confessional system of government. After some initial dissension among rightwing and leftwing factions in the party, the SSNP joined other leftist militias against the Christian forces. Although the SSNP relied on the Syrians for support, the party maintained its political autonomy in the face of repeated Syrian attempts to co-opt it.	25X^
Lebanon.	The Syrian retreat in the face of invading Israeli forces in 1982 created dissatisfaction among SSNP	25X′
A History of Tumult The SSNP (originally known as Parti Populaire Syrien) was founded in 1932 by a Greek Orthodox Lebanese, Antun Sa'da, who formed his organization	members with their political bosses. Party members in the north remained under Syrian control, but SSNP leaders in the south began to direct their operations with Libyan aid and Palestinian support.	25 <b>X</b> 1
into a Pan-Syrian, paramilitary, Fascist youth movement. The SSNP agitated against both Lebanon's French colonial rulers and the local governments that succeeded it. The party finally was		25X1
charged with subversion in 1949, resulting in Sa'da's execution and the SSNP's disbandment.	Similar in turns about to make increase in the case of a COND	25 <b>X</b> ′
After a stormy relocation in Syria, where its activities—including the assassination in 1955 of a	Syria, in turn, chose to rely increasingly on the SSNP and other factions to press the attack against Israeli forces in south Lebanon. At Syria's invitation, SSNP	

popular Alawite officer—led to its banning, the SSNP returned to Lebanon. When the party was

### SSNP Operations in South Lebanon was possibly a Druze from the Batr A-The SSNP in 1985 staged numerous spectacular Shuf. Two Israeli soldiers and two operations in south Lebanon: ASL men were wounded. 12 March A suicide car bombing south of Jazzine. The person carrying out the 6 August A suicide attack against Israeli attack was a Druze from the Sofar military headquarters in Hasbayya. It region. There were no other casualties. was carried out by a 23-year-old man whose origins and religious affiliation 9 April A suicide bombing in Batr A-Shuf. It are not known. The attack was carried was carried out by a female Shia from out on an explosives-laden donkey and the village of Aqnun in south Lebanon. resulted in the attacker's death. Two other people were killed, and two were injured. 4 November A suicide car bomb attack against an Israeli patrol in Arnun. The driver was 9 July A suicide attack in the Hasbavva a 24-year-old Syrian from Baniyas. region. It was carried out by a 20-year-Three people were reported killed and old Syrian from Aleppo. His religious two injured in the attack. affiliation is unknown. Two Army of South Lebanon (ASL) men were killed The SSNP has added to the drama of these attacks and three wounded along with eight by broadcasting videotaped interviews with the civilian fatalities. suicide bombers on Syrian television shortly after the attacks. A suicide attack in Biyada carried out by a 28-year-old female psychology student at the University of Beirut. She

leaders began making frequent trips to Damascus in the summer of 1983 to seek military assistance and political support. Although the Syrians were generous in supplying arms, they balked at allowing the party to reestablish itself in Syria.

When the Israelis began to withdraw from Lebanon, the SSNP competed with other factions for territory in the Shuf mountains and West Beirut. Despite its professed commitment to cooperate with other Syrian-backed militias, some within the SSNP feared that the Shia Amal and Druze militias would attack Greek Orthodox villages in the south. The relatively small size of the SSNP militia, however, gave them little choice but to seek a modus vivendi with these militias in the hope that Syria would protect SSNP interests.

## Syria Calls the Shots

As Israeli ground forces withdrew from areas where SSNP operation centers were located, party policy fell increasingly under Syrian influence. The split within Fatah in 1983 dried up a substantial source of aid to the SSNP, and party leaders were forced to abandon their pro-Arafat allies in favor of pro-Syrian Palestinian groups to restore this funding. In addition, differences between Libyan leader Qadhafi and Syrian President Assad over the Palestinian split resulted in Syria's cutting off Libyan arms and money to the SSNP.

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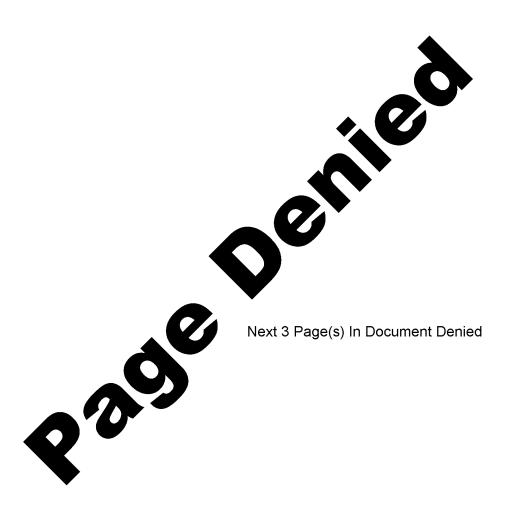
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As the Syrians reestablished their preeminence in Lebanon in 1983-84, more SSNP leaders accepted the practicality of subordinating their interests to Syria.

The SSNP could thereby safeguard its source of arms, reduce its vulnerability to larger militias	Christian SSNP members, working with Amal and	25X <sup>2</sup>
aligned with Syria, and be in a position to be included	Hizballah, have infiltrated East Beirut to bomb	
in a reconstituted Lebanese government.	Christian targets and surveil Western interests.	25X
The state of the control of the cont		25 <b>X</b>
The participation of the SSNP militias in the war of		
the camps in Beirut last May created controversy in	Suicide Bombings—Syria and the Militants	
the ranks and strained Syrian-SSNP relations.	the decision to	25 <b>X</b> ′
According to press reports, elements within the party	embark on a suicide bombing campaign was made by	
sympathetic to the Palestinians were given an	more militant lower level party officials. Led by As'ad	
ultimatum by pro-Syrian members, with implicit	Hardan, the SSNP commander for resistance	
Syrian backing, to toe the line or be purged. The	operations in south Lebanon, this faction has sought	
members of the SSNP Supreme Council eventually	to promote its point of view by ingratiating itself with	
agreed to an alliance with Amal, the mainline	the Syrians.	25X
Lebanese Shia militia.		25X
	Syria, realizing the propaganda value of these attacks,	
The SSNP's alliance with Amal, as part of Syria's	tacitly supported Hardan despite opposition from	
loose coalition of Lebanese factions, has afforded the	some party leaders who resented his renegade tactics	
party the opportunity to carry out frontline military	and feared Israeli reprisals. Press reports	25 <b>X</b> ′
operations against Israeli and ASL positions in south	indicate that the Syrians aided Hardan in	25X
Lebanon. Although many of these attacks have	July 1985 in eliminating his staunchest critic, SSNP	_0, (
questionable military value, the spate of suicide car	Defense Minister Muhammad Salim, although	
bombings in 1985 has given the Israelis and the ASL	Damascus headed off Hardan's subsequent power	
cause for concern.	play against the largely pro-Syrian Supreme Council	25 <b>X</b>
	in the interest of party stability.	25X
Formal Structure	and the second of party statements.	2071
The highest SSNP decisionmaking body is the	Syria's claim that it is not involved in the suicide	
Supreme Council, composed of approximately 12	attacks is probably false.	25 <b>X</b> ′
members. Trustees of the party, who are themselves	avano is producty ration	25X 25X
appointed by the council, elect the members of the		2071
council and the president every three years. The	By denying responsibility for these	25X
president of the council exercises executive power and	attacks, the Syrians hope to portray them as	25/
is the commander of the militia.	expressions of Lebanese resistance to Israeli	25X
is the communact of the finitia.	occupation and thus avoid Israeli reprisals	
The party depends on local administration to carry on	occupation and thus avoid israem reprisars.	25 <b>X</b>
day-to-day operations. The party is administratively	Prospects	
divided into several regions, and its members are	The SSNP's political and financial reliance on Syria	
organized in village and neighborhood sections.	virtually assures its compliance with Syrian directives	25 <b>X</b> ′
in areas where it has taken	for the near term. The SSNP will continue to	
over undisputed control, such as in Al Khoura, the	ingratiate itself with the Syrians in the hope of	25 <b>X</b> ′
SSNP has assumed the responsibilities of civil	enhancing the party's role in any future Lebanese	
administration.	political settlement. SSNP compliance will also deter	25 <b>X</b>
administration.	the Syrians from intervening directly in the party's	25/
Despite the SSNP's multiconfessional composition,	political processes.	25X
there have been no reported instances of confessional	political processes.	201
strife within the militia or the party.		25V
stine within the minua of the party.		25X <sup>2</sup>
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intransigent factions to accept Syrian-sponsored	
political reforms.	25 <b>X</b>
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If a political settlement based on reform of the confessional system emerges, the SSNP may attempt to establish a canton in the areas it now controls in the upper Matn and Al Khoura. In the meantime, the SSNP will probably continue to attract new recruits in the environment of chaos and confused loyalties	
wrought by political instability in Lebanon.	25X
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	The Terrorism Diary for April		
	Below is a compendium of April dates of known or conceivable significance to terrorists around the world. Our inclusion of a date or event should not by itself be construed to suggest that we expect or anticipate a commemorative terrorist event.		
1 April	Armenians. The month of April is dedicated by Armenian groups to the memory of the massacre of Armenians by Turks during 1915-18.		
1 April 1955	Cyprus. EOKA (National Organization of the Cypriot Struggle) Day (beginning of guerrilla struggle for Greek Cypriot independence).		
1 April 1970	El Salvador. Founding of Popular Liberation Forces (FPL).		
1 April 1979	Iran. Islamic Republic Day (commemorates Isfahan riots).		
1 April 1980	El Salvador. US Cultural Center in San Salvador bombed and strafed by FPL.		
1 April 1981	El Salvador. Rocket and gun attack on US Embassy by FPL.		
2 April 1982	Argentina, United Kingdom. Argentina invades Falklands. Terrorist group 2 April Command takes its name from this event.		
3 April 1984	Guinea. Coup d'etat.		
4 April 1945	Hungary. Liberation Day.		
4 April 1947	Syria. Founding of Ba'th Party.		
4 April 1950	Western Europe. NATO established.		
4 April 1960	Senegal. Independence Day.		
4 April 1979	Pakistan. Ex-President Zulfikar Ali Bhutto executed; the terrorist group Al-Zulfikar is named for him.		
5 April 1976	China. Tiananmen riots in wake of death of Zhou Enlai.		
6 April	Orthodox Greeks. Easter Sunday.		
6 April 1978	<b>Philippines.</b> Anti-Marcos demonstration; the terrorist group April 6 Liberation Movement takes its name from this event.		
6 April	Thailand. Chakri Day (founding of Thai royal dynasty).		
7 April 1916	Ireland. Beginning of insurrection that led to independence.		

7 April 1963	Yugoslavia. Republic Day (commemorates adoption of current constitution).
7 April 1976	Libya. Student revolution.
8 April 1947	Iraq. Founding of ruling Ba'th Party.
9-10 April 1973	Israel, Lebanon. Israeli raid on Beirut.
10 April 1941	Yugoslavia. Proclamation of Croatian independence.
11 April 1979	Uganda. Liberation Day (fall of Idi Amin).
12 April 1980	Liberia. National Redemption Day (celebrates coup overthrowing Tolbert government).
13 April	International. Solar New Year (Buddhist, Chinese, Southeast Asian, and Hindu cultures).
13 April 1699	India. Guru Gobind Singh founds Sikhism as a militaristic religion.
13 April 1919	India. British troops fire on Indian civilians in Amritsar (commemorated as "Jallian Wala Garden Massacre").
13 April 1975	Lebanon. Phalange militiamen attack bus, triggering Lebanese Civil War.
13 April 1985	Sudan. President Nimeiri ousted in coup.
13 April 1986	Sri Lanka. Beginning of two-day Tamil and Sinhalese New Year celebrations (new calendar).
14 April 1849	Hungary. Independence Day.
14 April 1890	Latin America. Pan-American Day (first international conference of American states).
14 April 1931	Spain. Founding of Second Republic.
14 April 1967	Togo. Assumption of presidency by Gen. Gnassingbe Eyadema.
14 April 1974	Niger. Accession of President Kountche.
15 April 1912	North Korea. Birthday of Kim Il-song.
15 April 1916	Ireland. Easter Uprising.
16 April 1980	Jerusalem, West Bank. Palestinian Prisoners' Day.
17 April 1946	Syria. Independence Day.

17 April 1961	Cuba. Air Defense Day (commemorates Air Force success against Bay of Pigs invaders).
17 April 1975	Cambodia. Liberation Day (Khmer Rouge victory).
17 April 1984	Libya, United Kingdom. Libyan radicals fire on protesters outside People's Bureau in London, killing a policewoman and wounding 11 other persons; start of siege by British security forces.
18 April	Israel. Commemoration of the Holocaust.
18 April 1949	Ireland. Inauguration of the republic.
18 April 1978	Panama, United States. US ratification of Panama Canal Treaty.
18 April 1980	Zimbabwe. Independence Day.
18 April 1983	Israel. Independence Day.
18 April 1983	Lebanon. US Embassy bombed by Islamic Jihad.
19 April 1960	Namibia. Founding of South-West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO).
19 April 1960	South Korea. Unrest triggered by student uprising forces President Syngman Rhee to resign and leave country. Usually commemorated by student demonstrations.
19 April 1961	Cuba. Day of Victory at Playa Giron (Bay of Pigs).
19 April 1970	Colombia. On this day the populist National Popular Alliance (ANAPO) does poorly in national elections. Three years later, ANAPO extremists found the 19th of April Movement (M-19) to try to take by force what they could not gain by ballot.
19 April 1971	Sierra Leone. Proclamation of the republic.
21 April 1967	Greece. National Resistance Day (anniversary of military coup).
21 April 1971	Haiti. Jean-Claude Duvalier installed as President for Life upon death of his father, François Duvalier.
23 April	Jewish world. Pesach (first day of Passover).
24 April 1915	Armenians. National Day of Sorrow (commemorating Turkish massacre).
24 April 1965	Dominican Republic. Beginning of civil war.
24 April 1970	The Gambia. Republic Day.

25 April 1945	Italy. Liberation Day.
25 April 1967	Swaziland. Kingdom constituted.
25 April 1974	<b>Portugal.</b> Revolution Day; Liberty Day (commemorates military coup that overthrew rightist government and paved the way for democratically elected government). Leftwing terrorist group Popular Forces of 25 April (FP-25) takes its name from this date.
25 April 1982	Egypt, Israel. Sinai Day (commemorates Israeli withdrawal).
26 April 1949	Jordan. Transjordan becomes Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.
26 April 1964	Tanzania. United Republic of Tanzania formed through union of Republic of Tanganyika and People's Republic of Zanzibar.
27 April 1945	Austria. Second Republic established.
27 April 1960	Togo. Independence Day.
27 April 1961	Sierra Leone. Independence Day.
27 April 1978	Afghanistan. Conservative Daoud regime ousted by leftwing coup.
28 April 1937	Iraq. Birthday of Saddam Husayn.
28 April 1965	Dominican Republic. US military intervention.
28 April 1983	Colombia. Death in plane crash of M-19 leader Jaime Bateman.
29 April 1926	Japan. Emperor Hirohito's birthday.
29 April 1967	Colombia. Founding of People's Liberation Army (EPL).
30 April 1975	Vietnam. North Vietnamese capture Saigon.
30 April 1980	United Kingdom. Iranian Embassy seized by radicals; hostages eventually rescued by Special Air Service team.
30 April 1981	Guatemala. Bombing of storage tank of US oil company in Guatemala City by FP-25.
30 April 1982	Guatemala. Bombing of US fast-food restaurant in Guatemala City by FP-31.

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	Chronology of Terrorism—1985 and 1986	25X1
	Below are described noteworthy foreign and international events involving terrorists, or the use of terrorist tactics, which have occurred or come to light since our last issue. In some cases, the perpetrators and their motivations may not be known. Events and developments that have already been described elsewhere in this publication are not included.	25X1
October 1985	Turkey: Police arrest suspected Dev Yol (Revolutionary Way) members/ sympathizers in Istanbul. Several members were arrested for the killing of a Turkish National Police (TNP) officer in the late 1970s and early 1980s.	25 <b>X</b> 1
Late November 1985	Turkey: Arrest of three Dev Sol (Revolutionary Left) members in Istanbul leads to discovery of arms cache in Giresun. The militants were captured during a meeting. The weapons apparently were buried during the September 1980 military takeover.	25X1
1 January 1986	South Africa: Mutilated bodies of two policemen found near Moutse. They were investigating an arson case that occurred during clashes among residents over the district's incorporation into the Kwandebele homeland.	25X1
2-7 January	Pakistan: Time bomb explosions in Kurram and Khyber kill and wound some 45 people, including Afghan refugees. The explosions occurred in Landi Kotal, Munsmuili, Tangi Muzaffar Fort, Balyamin, and Sadda.	25X1
3 January	Philippines: Armed men kidnap mayor and driver. The kidnapers killed the mayor and released the driver. Authorities suspect the New People's Army is responsible.	25 <b>X</b> 1
9 January	South Africa: Boobytrap bomb explodes at electrical power station in Durban, injuring five persons. They were investigating an earlier explosion that occurred in the same area. Authorities suspect the African National Congress is responsible.	25 <b>X</b> 1
10 January	South Africa: Former community councilor dies in firebombed house in Mlungisi.  No one claimed responsibility.	25X1
11 January	South Africa: United Democratic Front leader stabbed to death in eastern Transvaal. He was to have met with American envoy Chester Crocker during his three-day visit. South African authorities believe members of the Zulu group Inkatha are responsible for the murder.	25X1

12 January	South Africa: Police detain eight suspects and uncover six arms caches in wake of bomb attacks in Durban. The caches bring to eight the number uncovered in the area in recent months.	25X1
13 January	South Africa: Two homemade bombs found in garden of house in Brandfort. The bombs were destroyed, and police arrested two suspects.	25X1
	India: Dashmesh Regiment claims responsibility for killing a dozen people in Punjab. The militant Sikhs are violently campaigning for independence for their Punjab homeland.	25 <b>X</b> 1
	Japan: Unidentified persons burn car belonging to Okinawan self-defense official.  Nine other cars also were damaged.	25X1
14 January	Djibouti: Offices of ruling party bombed, causing minor damage. The attack occurred on the eve of a heads of state meeting on drought control and development in East Africa. Authorities suspect the Somalian National Movement.	25X1
16 January	South Africa: Gasoline bombs damage home of employee of Bophuthatswana president, office of local government and housing, and post office in Mabopane.  The incidents occurred after the funeral of a local man who was gunned down in Themba.	25X1
	Sri Lanka: Bomb explodes in Colombo shopping center, injuring a civilian and a policeman. Police had cordoned off the area and were waiting for a bomb disposal unit when the civilian tampered with it, causing it to explode. No one has claimed responsibility for planting the bomb.	25X1
17 January	Philippines: Passenger bus ambushed by dissidents in Zamboanga del Sur, killing eight people, including two soldiers and the bus driver. At least 30 others were wounded. The attackers reportedly belong to the Moro National Liberation Front.	25X1
18 January	South Africa: Two bombs damage electrical substation in Durban. No one was injured, but this was the second power station attacked recently. No group has claimed responsibility.	25X1
	Sri Lanka: Eelam Revolutionary Organization of Students kidnaps British journalist in Mullaitivu. The kidnapers apparently suspected that the journalist worked for a foreign intelligence agency and later stated that she would be released if she was not involved.	25X1

	Philippines: New People's Army robs and burns passenger bus in Misamis Occidental, killing 15 passengers and injuring 30 others. Police pursued the attackers but lost them in a nearby forest.	25 <b>X</b> 1
19 January	Afghanistan: Explosion kills three rebel leaders and wounds many others in Peshawar. No one has claimed responsibility for the attack.	25 <b>X</b> 1
20 January	South Africa: Police find Soviet arms at Maseru Bridge border post in Lesotho.  The arms—including limpet mines, handgrenades, antipersonnel mines, and demolition charges—were discovered on a train en route from Lesotho.	25 <b>X</b> 1
21 January	Angola: Car bomb explodes outside Cubana Airlines office, causing slight damage but no injuries. One attacker was killed and the rest were wounded and captured by Angolan authorities. The National Union for the Total Independence of Angola claimed responsibility.	25 <b>X</b> 1
	Pakistan: Violent explosion rips through Pakistani Airlines office in Peshawar, killing at least five and injuring two dozen others. The blast set the entire building ablaze. Officials suspect the Afghan secret service "Khad" is involved.	25X1
22 January	Zimbabwe: Unknown assailants murder farmer in Matabeleland. He is the fourth farmer to be murdered in three months. No one has claimed responsibility.	25X1
	Pakistan: Bomb explodes in bathroom of mosque in Gandahab, killing one and injuring five others. The bomb detonated as police were coming to the mosque for noon prayers. No group has claimed responsibility.	25X1
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23 January	South Africa: Bus firebombed in Guguletu, injuring seven women and two men and heavily damaging the bus. No one has claimed responsibility.	25X1
	South Africa: Explosion rips through post office sorting section at Cape Town railway station, injuring one employee. The bag containing the device was destined for Angola.	25X1
30 January	Greece: Unidentified individuals throw plastic explosive device at US-owned Shell Company in Kallithea. The blast caused only minor damage and no injuries.	25 <b>X</b> ′

31 January	Spain: Bomb damages bank office, slightly injures passer-by near Bilbao. No one claimed responsibility for the attack.	25 <b>X</b> 1
	Lebanon: Second secretary at South Korean Embassy kidnaped by five gunmen in Beirut. The "Organization of the Oppressed" and two previously unknown groups—the "Fighting Revolutionary Cells," which provided a photograph of the diplomat, and the "Green Brigades," which demanded ransom—claimed responsibility	25X1 ·
2 February	United Kingdom: Explosive experts defuse bomb found at National Coal Board headquarters in Cardiff. No group claimed responsibility.	25 <b>X</b> 1
	France: Corsican National Liberation Front (FLNC) claims responsibility for bomb attacks against law court buildings in Marseilles and Aix-en-Provence.  The explosions caused slight damage, but no injuries.	25X1
	Lebanon: Three Armenian-owned shops in Beirut bombed. An unidentified caller claimed responsibility on behalf of the Armenian Revolutionaries Union saying the group is targeting Dashnag Party members. The Armenian Revolutionaries Union is probably affiliated with the leftwing ASALA group.	25X1
3 February	Northern Ireland: Bomb kills Ulster Defense Regiment (UDR) soldier on border patrol. Five other members of the patrol escaped injury. The Provisional IRA claimed responsibility for the blast.	25 <b>X</b> 1
	Spain: Bomb defused at US Avis car rental firm in Bilbao. There was no claim of responsibility.	25X1
5 February	Chile: Santiago car bomb wounds 16 policemen. The bomb, detonated by remote control, exploded as a police bus stopped at an intersection. The Movement of the Revolutionary Left claimed responsibility, stating that the attack was to protest the Supreme Court's acquittal last month of two police colonels accused of the abduction and murder of three Communists.	25X1
	Chile: Attack on powerlines by the Manuel Rodriguez Patrotic Front (FPMR) disrupts nationwide telecast of annual Vina del Mar Song Festival. The FPMR called the government-sponsored festival a "circus" of the dictatorship.	25 <b>X</b> 1
6 February	Spain: Machinegun attack on naval vehicle in Madrid kills vice admiral and his driver, and seriously injures his aide. No group has claimed responsibility, but police suspect the Basque Fatherland and Liberty-Military Wing.	25X1
	Corsica: Three FLNC bombs explode at tax office, causing serious damage.  Another tax office was attacked earlier in the week.	25 <b>X</b> 1

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